

AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 - 41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) A method for protecting a seed and/or shoots and foliage of a plant grown from the seed from damage by a pest, the method comprising treating the unsown seed with a composition comprising dinotefuran ~~a nitroguanidine~~ and ~~at least one other insecticide selected from the group consisting of a chloronicotinyl, a pyrrol, a pyrazole, a diacylhydrazine, a triazole,~~ a biological/fermentation product insecticide, ~~a phenyl pyrazole, an organophosphate and a carbamates~~ wherein the combined amount of the dinotefuran and the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from about 0.01% to about 1% based on the weight of the seed and the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:100 to 100:1.

43. (Original) A seed that has been treated by the method as set forth in claim 42.

44. (Original) The seed as set forth in claim 43, wherein the seed is selected from the group consisting of corn, soybean, cotton, rice, sorghum, sugar beet, wheat, barley, rye, sunflower, tomato, sugarcane, tobacco, rape and oats.

45. (Original) The seed as set forth in claim 44, wherein the seed is corn seed.

46. (Original) The seed as set forth in claim 43, wherein the seed is a transgenic seed.

47. (Currently amended) A composition for seed treatment prior to sowing comprising dinotefuran ~~a nitroguanidine~~ and ~~at least one other insecticide selected from the group consisting of a chloronicotinyl, a pyrrol, a pyrazole, a diacylhydrazine, a triazole,~~ a biological/fermentation product insecticide, ~~a phenyl pyrazole, an organophosphate and a carbamates~~ wherein the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:100 to 100:1.

Claims 48 – 67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the ~~other insecticide comprises a biological/fermentation product~~ insecticide ~~that~~ comprises avermectin or spinosad.

Claims 69 - 92. (Cancelled)

93. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the biological/fermentation product insecticide is avermectin.

94. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the biological/fermentation product insecticide is spinosad.

95. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:10 to 10:1.

96. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:3 to 3:1.

97. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the combined amount of the dinotefuran and the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from about 0.05% to about 0.5% based on the weight of the seed.

98. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the combined amount of the dinotefuran and the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from about 0.05% to about 0.5% based on the weight of the seed and the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:10 to 10:1.

99. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the combined amount of the dinotefuran and the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from about 0.05% to about 0.5% based on the weight of the seed and the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:3 to 3:1.

100. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:10 to 10:1.

101. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the weight ratio of the dinotefuran to the biological/fermentation product insecticide is from 1:3 to 3:1.

102. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the biological/fermentation product insecticide is avermectin.

103. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the biological/fermentation product insecticide is spinosad.